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April 13, 2018

Mayor Eric Garcetti
City of Los Angeles
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

This letter is in response to the City of Los Angeles' (City or City of LA) request for access to areas operated and maintained by the U.S. Corps of Engineers (USACE) to perform cleanup activities of homeless-related trash and encampments in the waterways including the Los Angeles Rivers and its tributaries. The general scope of City and partner activities are as follows:

- a. Access the Los Angeles River (River) and its tributaries, including but not limited to the waterways, banks, maintenance roads, and utility corridors, whether publicly-accessible or not.
- b. Engage with people experiencing homelessness and residing in and along the River and tributaries to offer services and assistance to relocate.
- c. Remove debris, encampments, and perform related cleanup work in accordance with City of LA procedures and Municipal Codes as applicable and/or pursuant to agreements with partners for such cleanup activities performed by the City of LA in substantial conformity with existing City of LA protocols, or any successor protocols.

We express no objection to the activities proposed by the City and its partners accessing areas operated and maintained by USACE to perform the general scope of City and partner activities stated above. We will endeavor to ensure the City is apprised of any operation and maintenance activities which would preclude the City's and/or its partners' access to any portions of the Los Angeles River.

You are aware of the prohibition on take under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and prohibition on take of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. You have an independent responsibility to comply with these laws.

You are advised that entry into the River is at your own risk subject to the laws, regulations, and policies of any agency having jurisdiction over activities that take place in the River. Should you decide to undertake your activity within the River, the United

States is not responsible for damages to property or injuries to persons which may arise from or be incident to the exercise of said use, or for damages to the property or injuries to you or to your agents, servants, or employees or others who may be in or on the River by your invitation. The United States further advises you that additional permissions from the fee owner, State or County, may be required. If your activity results in any damage to the constructed channel, we will require that you promptly repair or pay for the repair of any damages caused by you to a condition satisfactory to the District Engineer.

Thank you for your coordination of this effort with our agency. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Cheryl Connett at (213) 452-3118 or Cheryl.L.Connett@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. E. Gibbs', written in a cursive style.

Kirk E. Gibbs
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commander and District Engineer